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RENO RESIDENT INDICTED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

SACRAMENTO - United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott, Keith Slotter, Special Agent in Charge of the Sacramento Division of the FBI, and Woodland Police Chief Carey F. Sullivan announced today that a federal grand jury returned a three-count indictment charging STEVEN MICHAEL KELLY, 41, of Reno, Nevada with knowingly possessing and transporting child pornography. KELLY had been arrested by the Woodland Police Department on August 14, 2004 after a tip from employees of the Woodland Wal-Mart photo department that KELLY was attempting to develop film which appeared to depict child pornography.

This case is the product of an extensive/joint investigation by the Woodland Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Lawrence Brown, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that about August 14, 2004, the defendant possessed a computer hard drive and multiple computer disks which contained visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct which images were transported in interstate commerce. The indictment also alleges that between on or about August 8, 2004, and continuing through on or about August 14, 2004, the defendant transported such materials in interstate commerce. It further alleges that there were over 600 images depicting child pornography, and that the defendant was convicted of child molestation in Arizona in 1990.

If convicted, the minimum mandatory penalty is 15 years in prison, with a maximum of 40 years, a \$250,000 fine, and a three-year to life term of supervised release.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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